

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application number 10/185,009, entitled METHOD OF FORMING BARRIER LAYERS, filed July 1, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. patent application 09/268,326, entitled MIXED METAL NITRIDE AND BORIDE BARRIER LAYERS, filed March 16, 1999, now U.S. patent number 6,445,023. The entirety of these references have been incorporated by reference. Claims 1-74 have been cancelled as allowed in other applications. Claims 75-91 are now pending.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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